

League of Women Voters of Appleton WI
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
Appleton Public Library – Lower Level

Present: Cindy Carter, Winnie Doxsie, Carolyn Mewhorter, Nadine Miller, Sue Silton, Shirley Strange

Absent: Shirley Adams, Vicky Olenski, Jody Van Domelen

Call to order by President Mewhorter at 6:01 PM.

Minutes of the April 8th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sue shared a copy of the information that would be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

President's Report:

Carolyn said she has been in contact with Peggy Cox, the president of the Neenah Menasha League. Their membership has been dropping and is currently at 7. She will be meeting with Peggy on Thursday to discuss the possibility of merging the 2 Leagues. She asked guidance. Comments included:

- Consider having NM League let their charter go dormant and joining our League.
- We could consider changing our name to Fox Cities.
- Structurally we could have Board Members dedicated to the different communities. For example a Voter Service for Appleton and Neenah/Menasha.
- Check with State to get advice.
- Look into financial and governance structure issues.
- What would have to be done in the bylaws?

Carolyn announced we got the grant from the Joyce foundation to fund a forum on election administration this fall.

Carolyn led a discussion about planning for the fall.

- The Board felt we needed to get going, there is a lot to do
- Look into how we can support informing the public about the 8th Congressional race.
- Plan forums and TV (Cable access channel 4) for Representative Wieckert's empty seat.
- There doesn't seem to be anyone on the Board to lead the Voter Service activities leading up to the fall elections. The Board suggested recruiting someone to serve as a short term Voter Service through the fall if necessary
- Meetings are set for this summer. At the Library with the possibility of the July meeting being a social event prior to the meeting.

June 10	August 12
July 8	September 9

Annual Meeting:

The meeting is all set. Shirley Strange showed the Board a copy of the meeting packet.

National Convention:

Cindy Carter announced that she felt the convention was too expensive and would not be going. Even with the \$1,500 League budgeted to send a delegate she is looking at an additional \$500 to \$600 out of pocket. Since she is looking to buy a house this spring Cindy doesn't feel comfortable committing to that expense. The board was disappointed that she won't be going. After discussion of options a motion was made.

Motion

The Appleton League of Women Voters directs President, Carolyn Mewhorter, to ask the state of Wisconsin representative to the National League of Women Voters Convention to express our concern. We believe the convention is not affordable for our League. We ask the National LWV to give affordability serious consideration and priority when choosing locations for future convention sites.

The motion received unanimous approval

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Winnie Doxsie